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## OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment of 7/16/03 & FDD of 7/23/03  
 This action is FINAL.

- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 25-36 is/are pending in the application.  
Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 Claim(s) 25-36 is/are rejected.  
 Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.  
 The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.  
 The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is  approved  disapproved.  
 The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).  
 All  Some\*  None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been  
received.  
 received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_  
 received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

- Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892  
 Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 7/27/03  
 Interview Summary, PTO-413  
 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948  
 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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Receipt is acknowledged of amendment, IDS of 7/16 and 7/28, 2003 respectively.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 21-32 been renumbered 25-36. Newly submitted claims 21-32 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The invention now is directed to (a) a stable implant when (b) exposed to electron irradiation. Applicant has pointed to support for new claims, but not to that for a and b, above; these claims are to material patentably distinct from that previously claimed. Furthermore, the ~~signal~~ invention was to actives of low solubility; now it is to actives with antioxidants.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 25-29 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claims 25-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The invention is to stable implants for up to 30 weeks, @ 30<sup>0</sup>C electron irradiated up to 25 Kgy. Applicant has not identified where support, if any ~~has~~ is in the specification. It is not in the original claims.

Claims 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Roorda et al 5543156 in view of Miller 5728719.

The rejection of record is maintained. "UP TO" includes 0 weeks and OKGY irradiation; the compositions of Roorda/Miller would meet stability and irradiation requirements, as they comprise the same components as applicant's compositions. Miller's Doramection, BHA and BHT, in a Sterilized, stable, solid implantable to be irradiated, stable for some period of time, even in background irradiation.

Claims 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Miller.

See above – Miller provides solid implants of Doramection, BHA, BMT-Sterilizable.

Applicant's arguments filed on 7/16/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments have been considered above, but new invention withdrawn except to application of minimal stability, minimal irradiation.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy whose telephone number is (571) 272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday 7 AM to 5:30 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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